

## Cuban Student Group Blasts DA's Tactics

The New Orleans delegation of the Cuban Student Directorate said it is "surprised by the low level tactics used by the district attorney's office" in its accusations against Sergio Arcacha Smith.

A press release issued Saturday by Carlos Ringuier, New Orleans delegate to the directorate, stated:

"The New Orleans delegation of the Cuban Student Directorate wants to make public the following statements:

"We don't know if the charges against Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith—burglarizing a Houma munitions bunker in 1961—are true or false.

"We are surprised by the low level tactics used by the DA's office bringing out these accusations against Arcacha Smith

at a time that they are investigating a supposed plot to kill

the late President Kennedy that could lead the public opinion to judge Arcacha Smith guilty by association.

"We do know that, at the proper time, those responsible for these Communist-inspired smears against anti-Castro Cubans and conservative Americans will be charged with much more important charges than this filed against Arcacha Smith. Even if it will be proved true these charges against Arcacha Smith, the result would be that Arcacha Smith had been charged for his efforts to liberate his country from the Communist tyranny defended by Mark Lane. On the other hand, Arcacha Smith would feel glad that at least he had not been charged for activities tended to betray his own country, undermine the credibility of its institutions and deliver it into the hands of international communism, which look like are the activities in which had been en-

gaged some people in New Orleans from some time ago to this moment.

"We are asking again to the responsible citizens of New Orleans to respect their institutions, to respect the government of the United States and don't allow themselves to be fooled by these smears which already involve, according to Mark Lane, those, and some in very high places, who will do all in their power to prevent that day from coming. We witnessed in Cuba how the Communists took over the country, smearing and discrediting our institutions, and we are witnessing here how they and their fellow travelers are paving the way to do the same traitor job in this wonderful country."